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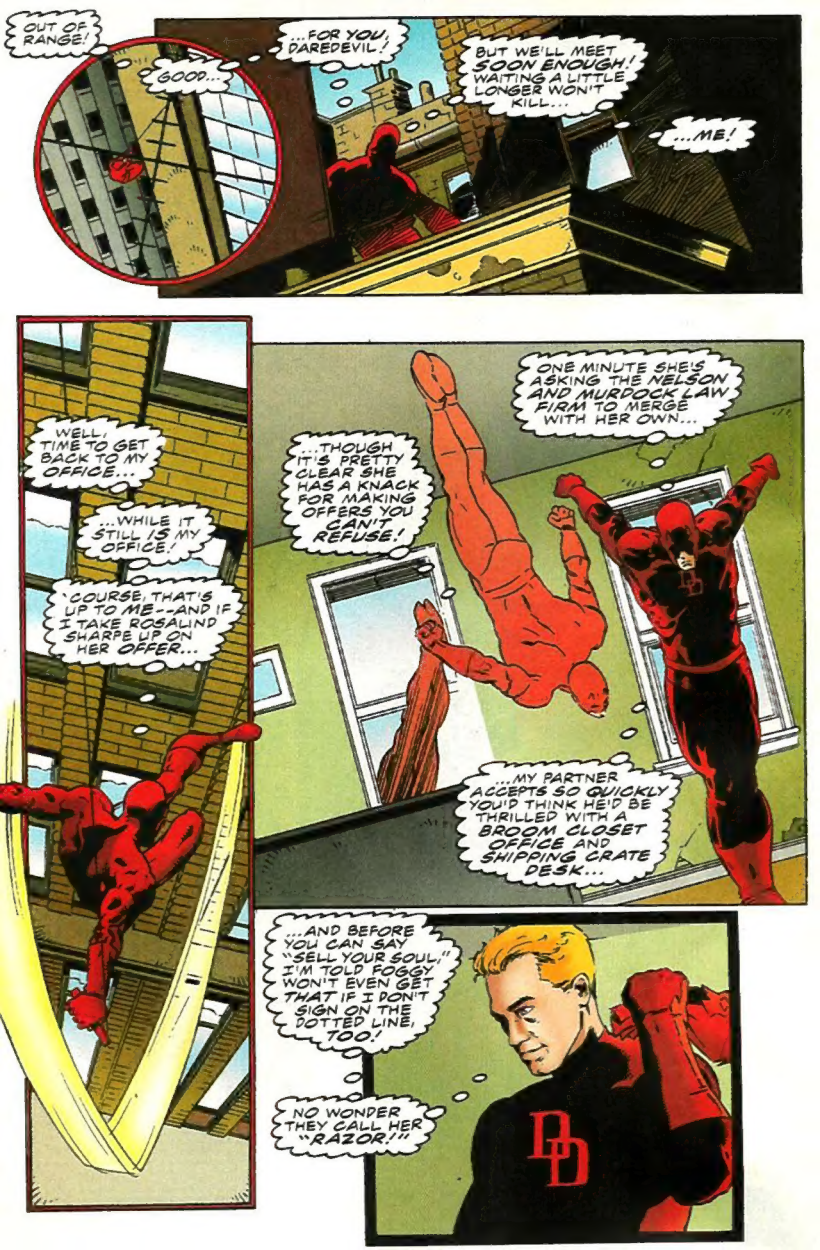
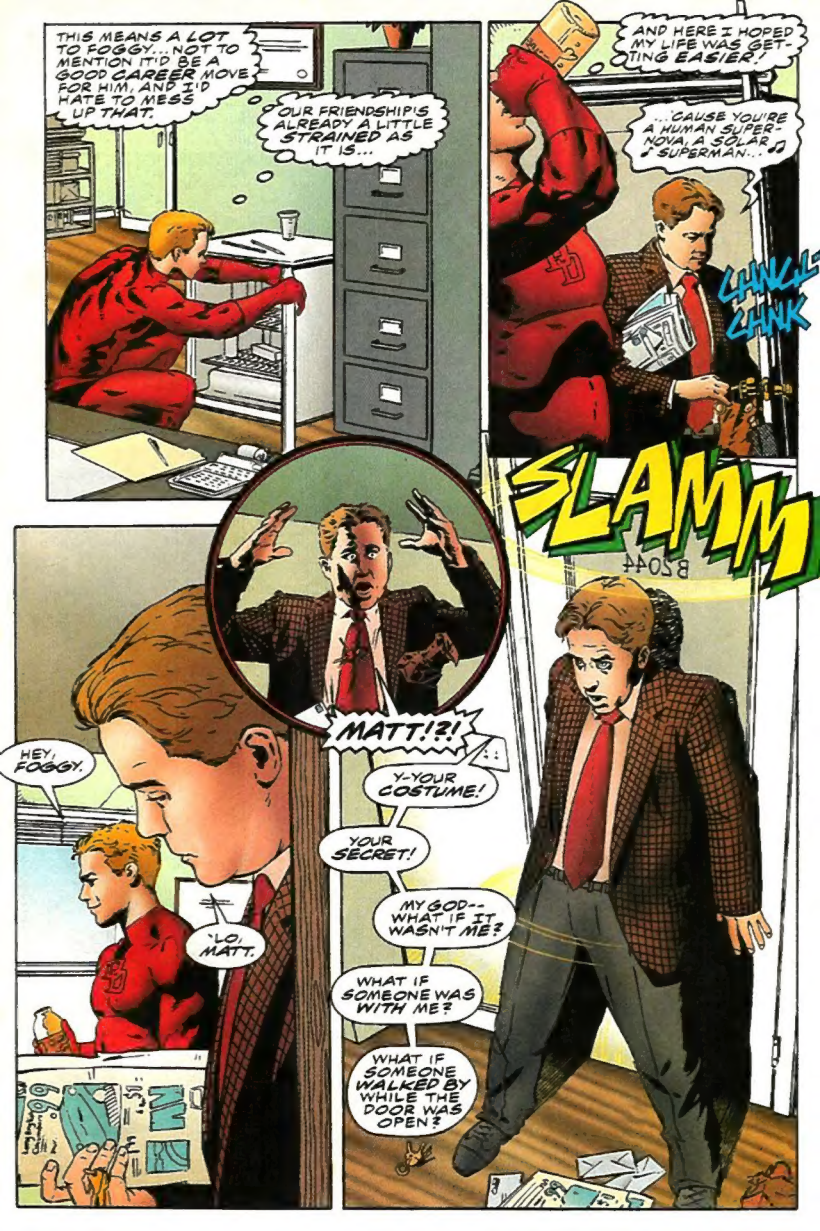
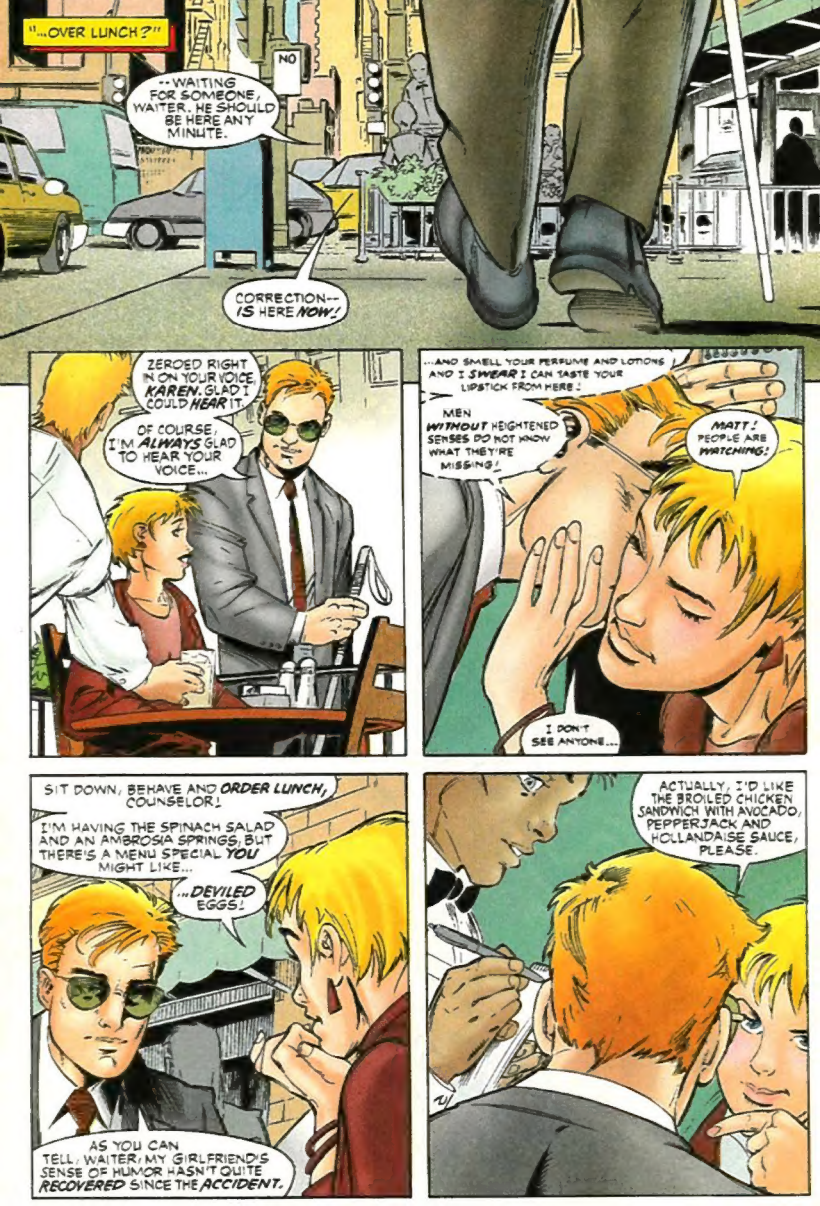

OUT OF RANGE!
GOOD...
...FOR YOU, DAREDEVIL!
BUT WE'LL MEET SOON ENOUGH! WAITING A LITTLE LONGER WON'T KILL...
...ME!
WELL, TIME TO GET BACK TO MY OFFICE...
...WHILE IT STILL IS MY OFFICE!
'COURSE, THAT'S UP TO ME--AND IF I TAKE ROSALIND SHARPE UP ON HER OFFER...
ONE MINUTE SHE'S ASKING THE NELSON AND MURDOCK LAW FIRM TO MERGE WITH HER OWN...
...THOUGH IT'S PRETTY CLEAR SHE HAS A KNACK FOR MAKING OFFERS YOU CAN'T REFUSE!
...MY PARTNER ACCEPTS SO QUICKLY YOU'D THINK HE'D BE THRILLED WITH A BROOM CLOSET OFFICE AND SHIPPING CRATE DESK...
...AND BEFORE YOU CAN SAY "SELL YOUR SOUL," I'M TOLD FOGGY WON'T EVEN GET THAT IF I DON'T SIGN ON THE DOTTED LINE, TOO!
NO WONDER THEY CALL HER "RAZOR!"

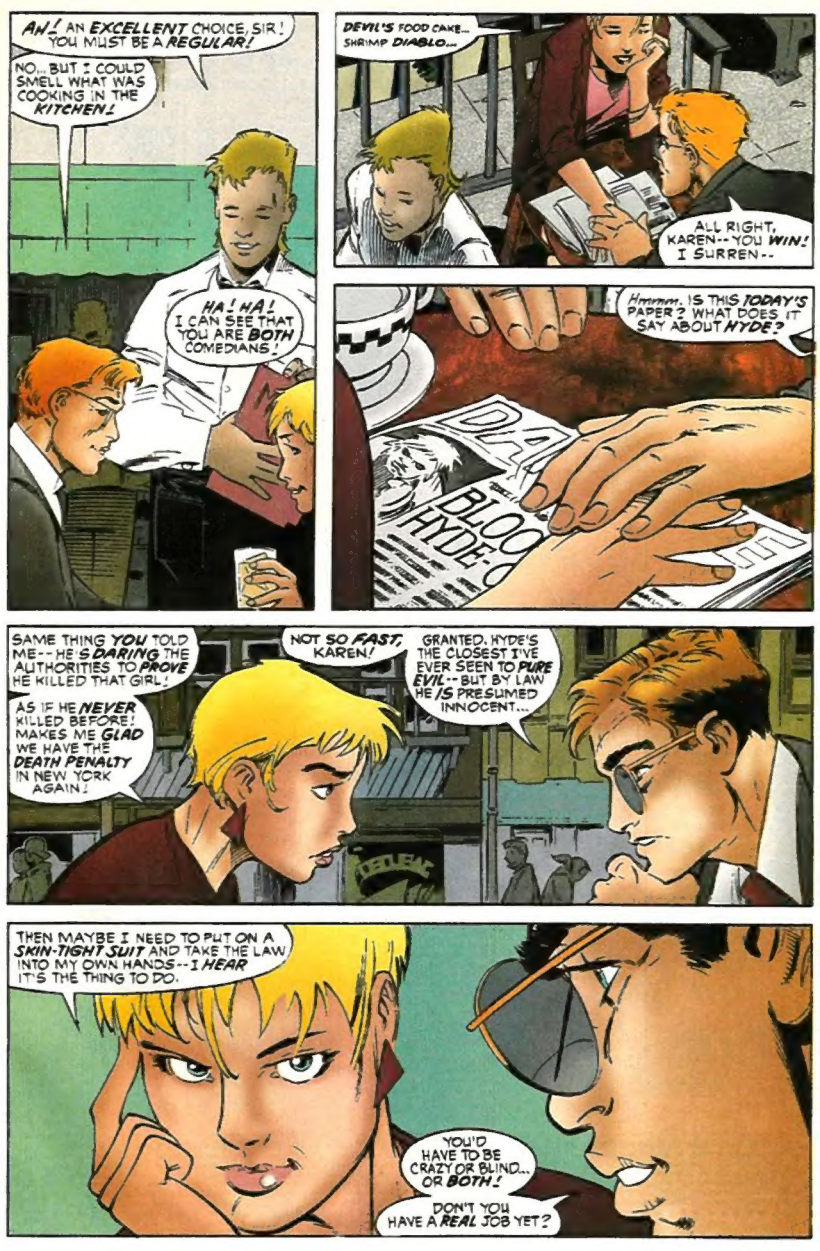

THIS MEANS A LOT TO FOGGY... NOT TO MENTION IT'D BE A GOOD CAREER MOVE FOR HIM, AND I'D HATE TO MESS UP THAT.
OUR FRIENDSHIP'S ALREADY A LITTLE STRAINED AS IT IS...
AND HERE I HOPED MY LIFE WAS GETTING EASIER!
...CAUSE YOU'RE A HUMAN SUPERNOVA, A SOLAR SUPERMAN... ♫
CHNG-CHNK
SLAMM
MATT!?!
Y-YOUR COSTUME!
YOUR SECRET!
MY GOD--WHAT IF IT WASN'T ME?
WHAT IF SOMEONE WAS WITH ME?
WHAT IF SOMEONE WALKED BY WHILE THE DOOR WAS OPEN?
HEY, FOGGY.
'LO, MATT.

THE WINDOWS! CAN'T YOU SEE SOMEONE COULD LOOK IN THE WINDOWS?!
SLOW DOWN, QUICK-SILVER!
FIRST--I'M BLIND, REMEMBER? SECOND--I'VE GOT HEIGHTENED SENSES.
I KNEW IT WAS YOU AND YOU ALONE IN THE HALLWAY BECAUSE I COULD HEAR YOUR DISTINCTIVE HEARTBEAT.
AND THE SUN'S GLARE ON THE WINDOWS MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE TO SEE IN--KAREN HELPED ME CHECK THAT.
OH, WELL...
LOOKS LIKE THE JOKE'S ON FOGGY NELSON AGAIN, HUH?
HYDE CAPTURED
'COURSE, I'M PRETTY SURE ROSALIND SHARPE WON'T APPRECIATE THIS KIND OF THING...UNLESS SHE KNOWS YOU'RE DAREDEVIL, TOO?
THAT'S NOT FAIR, FOGGY. YOU KNOW I--
NEVER MIND.
OH, UM...GEE, NOT AS WELL AS I'D LIKE TO...
I MEAN, I'VE KNOWN OF HER FOR A LONG TIME...AND SHE IS ONE OF THE TOP LAWYERS IN THE COUNTRY!
REALLY? YOU NEVER MENTIONED THAT BEFORE, FOGGY...NEVER MENTIONED HER BEFORE...
LISTEN. WE HAVE TO TALK ABOUT ROSALIND'S OFFER. HOW WELL DO YOU REALLY KNOW HER?
TRUTH IS--SHE'S THE REASON I BECAME AN ATTORNEY IN THE FIRST PLACE.
WHY DO I GET THE FEELING THERE'S SOMETHING YOU'RE NOT TELLING ME?

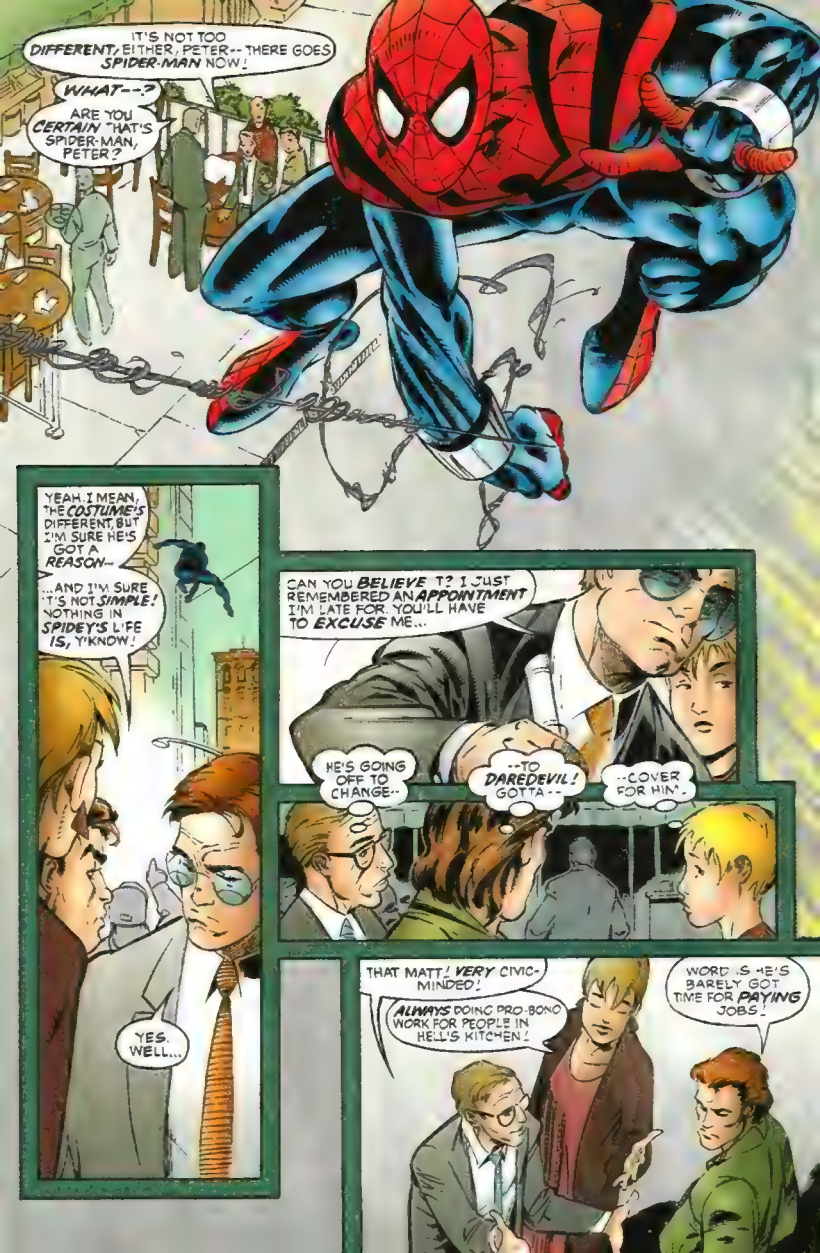
THIS FROM THE MAN WHO DIDN'T TELL ME HE WAS DAREDEVIL FOR YEARS AND YEARS!
I CAN ONLY SAY I'M SORRY SO MANY TIMES, FOGGY!
KLINK
YOU KNOW NOW, FOGGY. THINK HOW HANDY THAT COULD BE IN OUR TWO-MAN LAW PRACTICE!
YOU'RE RIGHT! NOW I'LL KNOW WHY YOU DISAPPEAR FOR DAYS OR WEEKS OR MONTHS AT A TIME! THAT'S MUCH BETTER!
THE FACT IS... ROSALIND SHARPE'S AS GOOD AS YOU AND FAR MORE RELIABLE! I CAN'T PASS THIS UP AND YOU SHOULD--
I SHOULD GET THE DOOR!
B204
HELLO! COME IN! NICE TO SEE YOU!
OR IS THAT "ABANDON HOPE ALL YE WHO ENTER HERE"? ALWAYS GET THOSE CONFUSED!
OH!
Umm... I WAS ABOUT TO KNOCK...
WELL, I'D HATE TO THINK YOUR ARM WAS PERMANENTLY STUCK IN THAT POSITION.
LIZ?
LIZ! I... Uh... I WASN'T EXPECTING...
DAREDEVIL, THIS IS LIZ OSBORN. I REPRESENTED HER RECENTLY, AND...
AND DID AN EXCELLENT JOB! I JUST THOUGHT I'D STOP BY AND THANK YOU...

WELL, IF WE'RE NOT GOING TO TALK ABOUT ME, I'M OUT OF HERE!
ONCE AGAIN--GREAT JUDO TIPS, FOGGY! THANK GOD YOU USE THAT POWER FOR GOOD, NOT EVIL!
I'LL LET YOU KNOW IF I DIG UP ANYTHING ON THAT "STORM STEALING THOR'S THUNDER" CASE YOU'RE WORKING ON... BUT FIRST...
...I GOT A DATE WITH AN ANGEL!
I DIDN'T REALIZE YOU KNEW DARE-DEVIL SO WELL, FOGGY!
WHAT--DOES HE WORK FOR YOU?
NOT EXACTLY.
YOU CAN FIRE PEOPLE WHO WORK FOR YOU...
I MEAN, I LOVE HIM LIKE A BROTHER AND IT'S LIKE HE'S PART OF MY FAMILY, BUT...
...BUT MY FAMILY'S PRETTY MESSED UP!
TELL ME ABOUT IT! I WAS MRS. GREEN GOBLIN FOR AWHILE THERE, REMEMBER? AND THAT'S JUST FOR STARTERS!
WANT TO TRADE WAR STORIES, COUNSELOR? MAYBE WE COULD EVEN DO IT...


"...OVER LUNCH?"
NO
--WAITING FOR SOMEONE, WAITER. HE SHOULD BE HERE ANY MINUTE.
CORRECTION-- *IS* HERE *NOW!*
ZEROED RIGHT IN ON YOUR VOICE, *KAREN*. GLAD I COULD *HEAR* IT.
OF COURSE, I'M *ALWAYS* GLAD TO HEAR YOUR VOICE...
...AND SMELL YOUR PERFUME AND LOTIONS AND I *SWEAR* I CAN TASTE YOUR LIPSTICK FROM HERE!
MEN *WITHOUT* HEIGHTENED SENSES DO NOT KNOW WHAT THEY'RE MISSING!
MATT! PEOPLE ARE *WATCHING!*
I DON'T SEE ANYONE...
SIT DOWN, BEHAVE AND *ORDER LUNCH*, COUNSELOR!
I'M HAVING THE SPINACH SALAD AND AN AMBROSIA SPRINGS, BUT THERE'S A MENU SPECIAL *YOU* MIGHT LIKE...
...DEVILED EGGS!
AS YOU CAN TELL, WAITER, MY GIRLFRIEND'S SENSE OF HUMOR HASN'T QUITE *RECOVERED* SINCE THE *ACCIDENT*.
ACTUALLY, I'D LIKE THE BROILED CHICKEN SANDWICH WITH AVOCADO, PEPPERJACK AND HOLLANDAISE SAUCE, PLEASE.


AH! AN EXCELLENT CHOICE, SIR! YOU MUST BE A REGULAR!
NO.. BUT I COULD SMELL WHAT WAS COOKING IN THE KITCHEN!
HA! HA! I CAN SEE THAT YOU ARE BOTH COMEDIANS!
DEVIL'S FOOD CAKE... SHRIMP DIABLO...
ALL RIGHT, KAREN--YOU WIN! I SURREN--
Hmmm. IS THIS TODAY'S PAPER? WHAT DOES IT SAY ABOUT HYDE?
SAME THING YOU TOLD ME--HE'S DARING THE AUTHORITIES TO PROVE HE KILLED THAT GIRL!
AS IF HE NEVER KILLED BEFORE! MAKES ME GLAD WE HAVE THE DEATH PENALTY IN NEW YORK AGAIN!
NOT SO FAST, KAREN!
GRANTED. HYDE'S THE CLOSEST I'VE EVER SEEN TO PURE EVIL--BUT BY LAW HE IS PRESUMED INNOCENT...
THEN MAYBE I NEED TO PUT ON A SKIN-TIGHT SUIT AND TAKE THE LAW INTO MY OWN HANDS--I HEAR IT'S THE THING TO DO.
YOU'D HAVE TO BE CRAZY OR BLIND... OR BOTH!
DON'T YOU HAVE A REAL JOB YET?

OH! Um... NO, STILL LOOKING...
STILL TRYING TO FIND MY NICHE...
HAS TO BE JUST RIGHT, YOU KNOW.
YES, I KNOW.
I KNOW KAREN'S HEARTBEAT JUST WENT OFF THE SCALE! SHE'S LYING!
DID SHE THINK I WOULDN'T NOTICE? WHAT'S SHE TRYING TO KEEP FROM--
MATT MURDOCK! GOOD TO SEE YOU! I HEARD YOU WERE BACK FROM THE DEAD...
NOT THAT I EVER BELIEVED YOU REALLY WERE DEAD! NOT A TRICKY DEVIL LIKE YOU!
WELL, I LEARNED A LONG TIME AGO I COULDN'T FOOL A TOP REPORTER LIKE BEN URICH!
YOU REMEMBER KAREN PAGE, BEN?
AND ON MY LEFT--YOUR RIGHT--IS MY YOUTHFUL SIDEKICK, PETER PARKER!
STILL TAKING THOSE PHOTOS OF SPIDER-MAN FOR THE DAILY BUGLE, PETER?
YEAH. YOU KNOW BETTER THAN ANYONE, MATT--WHEREVER THE WALL-CRAWLER WENT, I WAS RIGHT THERE.
'COURSE IT'S NOT QUITE THE SAME AS IT USED TO BE...


IT'S NOT TOO DIFFERENT, EITHER, PETER-- THERE GOES SPIDER-MAN NOW!
WHAT--?
ARE YOU CERTAIN THAT'S SPIDER-MAN, PETER?
YEAH. I MEAN, THE COSTUME'S DIFFERENT, BUT I'M SURE HE'S GOT A REASON--
...AND I'M SURE IT'S NOT SIMPLE! NOTHING IN SPIDEY'S LIFE IS, Y'KNOW!
YES. WELL...
CAN YOU BELIEVE T? I JUST REMEMBERED AN APPOINTMENT I'M LATE FOR. YOU'LL HAVE TO EXCUSE ME...
HE'S GOING OFF TO CHANGE--
--TO DAREDEVIL! GOTTA--
--COVER FOR HIM.
THAT MATT! VERY CIVIC-MINDED!
ALWAYS DOING PRO-BONO WORK FOR PEOPLE IN HELL'S KITCHEN!
WORD IS HE'S BARELY GOT TIME FOR PAYING JOBS!

MAN, I AM ONE WIPED-OUT WEB-SLINGER!
DIDN'T REALIZE HOW MUCH THAT FIGHT WITH MYSTERIO TOOK OUT OF ME! CAN HARDLY WAIT TO CRAWL INTO BED AND--
SPIDER-MAN!
YOU'D BETTER BE ABLE TO PROVE YOU'RE THE REAL WEB-SLINGER FAST!
I'LL GIVE YOU TWO HEARTBEATS!
DAREDEVIL?! OH, NO! I'M REALLY NOT IN THE MOOD FOR ONE OF THOSE FIGHT-THEN-TEAM-UP THINGS!
LOOK, Um... OH! OKAY, I KNOW YOU'RE SECRETLY A LAWYER NAMED--
SORRY! THAT'S ONLY THE WORLD'S WORST-KEPT SECRET BUT I'D LIKE YOU TO PRETEND SOMEONE DOESN'T KNOW
ANYWAY, THERE'S ONLY ONE MAN WITH A HEARTBEAT LIKE YOURS-- AND HE WAS STANDING NEXT TO ME WHEN YOU SWUNG BY!
CARE TO FILL IN THE DETAILS? YOU COULD EVEN JOIN ME FOR LUNCH...
SORRY, DD. I REALLY CAN'T. I GOTTA...
I MEAN I'M EXHAUSTED AND... Um...
Um... DO I SMELL A CHILI-DOG?
I LOVE CHILI-DOGS!
LATER...
--FOUND OUT PETER WAS THE CLONE AND I WAS THE REAL PETER EVEN THOUGH I'M STILL BEN AND THEN THIS SKELETON SHOWS UP AND NOW NO ONE KNOWS WHAT TO THINK!

SO YOU'VE BEEN BUSY. THAT'S GOOD!
ALL I'VE DONE LATELY IS FAKE MY OWN DEATH AND WEAR SOME DIFFERENT COSTUMES!
OH--AND FOGGY FOUND OUT I'M DAREDEVIL AND THINKS I LIED TO HIM FOR YEARS... MAINLY BECAUSE I DID!
"Ouch!" WELL, MEND THOSE FENCES, MY BILLY-CLUB BUCKAROO! NOTHING'S WORSE THAN WHEN THE PEOPLE YOU KNOW BEST ARE YOUR ENEM--
HOLD IT! THERE'S...
I HEAR IT.
...SOMETHING...
SHOTGUN!
KBLA
I HATE IT WHEN YOU'RE RIGHT!

WHO IS IT--ONE OF MINE OR YOURS?
NEW HEAR"BEAT COMING FROM BEHIND THAT CHIMNEY ON HIS WAY OUT TO SAY "HI"!
I'LL FLIP YOU FOR HIM: LAND ON YOUR FEET--HE'S YOURS. LAND ON YOUR HEAD--HE'S MINE.
NO! THIS AIN'T NONE OF SPIDER-MAN'S BUSINESS! HE STAYS OUTTA THIS.
I'M THE SHOOTER--AND I'M GONNA MAKE A REP BY TAK NG OUT THE GUY WHO GAVE THE KINGPIN SO MUCH TROUBLE.
WHAT--YOU MEAN DAREDEVIL?
Y'KNOW, I FOUGHT THAT BIG BUTTERBALL LONG BEFORE DD DID.
EVERY ONE FORGETS I MADE THAT GUY!
target :
SPIDEY'S RIGHT. YOU'D GET A MUCH BIGGER REP BY KILLING HIM INSTEAD OF ME.
Um, WAITAMINNIT...
LOCK : 3264

SOUNDS GOOD TO ME!
HEY!
WHOA!
YOW!
WAIT!
WATCHIT!
SHEESH!
BRATATATATATATAT
BOY, HE'S FAST!
FASTER THAN THE SHOOTER? I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
LET'S SEE... THAT'S A MODIFIED BROWNING .50-CALIBER MACHINE GUN, RIGHT? 575 ARMOR-PIERCING ROUNDS PER MINUTE?
NOT TO TELL YOU HOW TO DO YOUR JOB... BUT MAYBE IT'S TIME TO USE SOMETHING ELSE. WHAT DO YOU HAVE?
BCHOOOM
HEY, DD--MAYBE YOU HAVEN'T NOTICED... BUT BILLY-BOB BULLET HERE IS SHOOTING AT ME!
AREN'T WE SUPPOSED TO BE PALS? BUDS? THE TWO-MAN BEACH VOLLEY-BALL TEAM OF THE SUPER HERO SET?
KBAM
WELL... I GOT MY WRIST-MOUNTED SHOTGUN!
DON'T YOU THINK THAT MEANS YOU SHOULDN'T JUST STAND THERE AND JUST WATCH ME GET BLOWN AWAY?

HEY-- HE'S RIGHT! YOU'RE NOT MOVIN' AT ALL! YOU'D BE A REAL EASY TARGET!
MY-- YOU'RE A REGULAR AMMO EINSTEIN! AND HERE I THOUGHT EVERYTHING I SAID...
...WENT RIGHT OVER YOUR HEAD!
HEY! YOU'RE NOT GETTIN' AWAY FROM ME THAT EASILY!
OH
YES
I AM!
BRATATATATATATATA
YOU GOT A GOOD REASON FOR ALL THIS...
...BESIDES TEMPORARY INSANITY, I MEAN?
CHOW
CHEW
TOWW
TUWW
KOWW
KEWW
I NEEDED YOU TO HELP FIND OUT HIS LIMITATIONS, SPIDEY
UNFORTUNATELY, OUR FIENDISH FOE HAD AN INDEPENDENT THOUGHT JUST AS I WAS ABOUT TO MAKE MY MOVE.
BUT DON'T WORRY-- I'VE GOT A PLAN!
NOW I'M WORRIED! BUT ON THE OFF-CHANCE IT ACTUALLY MAKES SENSE...

"... WHAT IS IT?"
RUN!
RUN FOR YOUR LIFE!
KBLAMM
HA! YOU WILL HAVE NO LIFE--
--ONCE YOU ARE DEAD!
NG!!
WUMP
KINDA LIKE KRAVEN THE HUNTER BRAGGING HE SHOT A LION-SKIN RUG!
DON'T YOU THINK YOUR BASIC CRIME BOSS'D BE MORE IMPRESSED IF YOU TOOK OUT A LIVIN' LEAPIN' LEGEND LIKE SPIDER-MAN?
STILL BREATHING! I BET A FEW HUNDRED BULLETS WILL STOP THAT!
OH, THAT'LL LOOK REAL GOOD ON YOUR RESUME-- "KILLED UNCONSCIOUS SUPER HERO."

NO.
BUT I THINK THEY'D BE REAL IMPRESSED IF I DID YOU BOTH!
WELL... PROBLEM WITH THAT IS IT... Uhh... IT REALLY RUINS OUR PLAN TO STOP YOU--
LIKE THIS!
THWPP
ROBYN MOSER
FITNESS CENTERS
BRATHATHATHAT
BCHOOM
SPRESH
Wroooo--!
GHEH!

UNG! AND TO THINK PEOPLE PAY BIG BUCKS FOR AMUSEMENT PARK RIDES THAT AREN'T HALF AS LIFE-THREATENING!
WELL, LOOKS LIKE THE EXCITEMENT WAS TOO MUCH FOR MR. SHOOTER, AND IF THERE'S ANY JUSTICE IN THE WORLD, DARE-DEVIL IS--
--UP HERE, SPIDEY--HIGH AND DRY!
WASN'T THE PLAN TO GET OUT OF THE WAY ONCE YOU TRICKED HIM INTO BLASTING THE WATER TOWER?
WE COULD ALWAYS REVIVE HIM AND TRY IT AGAIN...
LIVE
Y'KNOW WHAT, DO?
YOU'RE DESPICABLE!
Hmmm... "THE DESPICABLE DAREDEVIL"--ALWAYS WANTED AN ADJECTIVE FOR MY NAME!
AND SOMEONE'S ALREADY TAKEN ALL THE GOOD ONES LIKE "AMAZING", "SPECTACULAR", "SENSATIONAL"...
LISTEN...IF IT MAKES YOU FEEL BETTER, I KNEW YOUR SPIDER-SPEED WOULD KEEP YOU AHEAD OF THOSE BULLETS.
AND IF IT DIDN'T...WELL, SPIDERS HAVE EIGHT LIVES, RIGHT?
CANDIES
EIGHT LEGS! SPIDERS HAVE EIGHT LEGS--ONE LIFE!
Y KNOW, IF I HAD ANY SENSE, I'D HIDE EVERY TIME I SAW YOU! IT'D MAKE MY LIFE A WHOLE LOT EASIER!
'COURSE, THEN YOU NEVER WOULD'VE BEEN ABLE TO DISTRACT THE SHOOTER.
AND YOU WOULD'VE MISSED ONE GREAT CHILI-DOG!
COME TO THINK OF IT--THAT'S HOW YOU KNOW I'M A TRUE FRIEND, SPIDEY! I SHARE THE GOOD TIMES...

"...AND THE BAD."
MASON
PLEASE-- WITH WHAT I'M PAYING YOU, YOU CAN AFFORD ANYTHING EXCEPT EXCUSES!
MY NEW LAW OFFICE WILL BE OPEN AND READY FOR BUSINESS WITHIN THE WEEK...
... OR THE FIRST LAWSUIT I FILE IN THIS STATE MAY WELL BE AGAINST YOUR COMPANY, GENTLEMEN!
CONSIDER THIS ROSALIND SHARPE'S LITTLE PEP TALK TO GIVE YOU THE PROPER MOTIVATION.
EXCUSE ME-- MS. SHARPE?
'S MS. SHARPE HERE?
MS. SHARPE?
THAT'S STRANGE I COULD'VE SWORN I HEARD HER VOICE WHILE I WAS IN THE ELEVATOR AND I CAN STILL SMELL HER PERFUME...

Oh--MATTHEW! I'M AFRAID I WAS STUDYING SOME BLUEPRINTS AND DIDN'T HEAR YOU COME IN!
WHAT BRINGS YOU BY? GOOD NEWS, I HOPE.
I THINK YOU COULD SAY THAT.
I'VE DECIDED TO ACCEPT YOUR OFFER, MS. SHARPE-- FOGGY AND I WILL JOIN YOUR FIRM.
I NEED MY OFFICE TO BE AWAY FROM THE HEAVILY TRAFFICKED AREAS, OF COURSE...
...AND FOGGY CAN NEVER FIND OUT THAT HIS PARTNERSHIP HINGED ON MY ACCEPTANCE!
DO WE HAVE AN AGREEMENT?
SHE'S PLAYING ANOTHER ONE OF HER GAMES.
TOO BAD SHE DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT MY RADAR SENSE.
MS. SHARPE?
MS. SHARPE, I KNOW YOU'RE STILL THERE.
I'LL ALWAYS BE THERE, COUNSELOR-- RIGHT BEHIND YOU!
WELCOME TO THE FIRM!

YOU MADE THE RIGHT CHOICE, MATTHEW.
YOU'RE ONE OF THE BEST LAWYERS I'VE EVER SEEN... BUT YOU MORE THAN ANYONE NEED SOMEONE TO WATCH YOUR BACK...
...SOMEONE A LITTLE MORE CAPABLE THAN FRANKLIN NELSON.
REMEMBER--THE LAW CAN BE A VICIOUS BUSINESS IF YOU GET ON THE WRONG SIDE OF CERTAIN PEOPLE.
I KNOW EXACTLY WHAT YOU MEAN, MS. SHARPE. THANKS FOR THE ADVICE.
NOW IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME...
OH!!
WHAK
I'M SORRY, MS. SHARPE. MUST'VE MISJUDGED WHERE YOU WERE STANDING.
MAYBE YOU SHOULD LEARN TO STAY OUT OF MY WAY.
DON'T WORRY, MR. MURDOCK.
REST ASSURED I'LL NEVER FORGET THIS LITTLE LESSON.
OH, ONE LAST THING...
PERHAPS I ACTED A BIT PREMATURELY, BUT WITH THE STRONG FEELING YOU WOULD ACCEPT MY OFFER...
I TOOK THE LIBERTY OF RECRUITING YOUR FIRST CLIENT AS A JUNIOR PARTNER IN THE FIRM OF SHARPE, NELSON AND MURDOCK.
I'M SURE YOU'VE HEARD OF HIM. HE'S BEEN IN ALL THE HEADLINES RECENTLY...

--WANT TO SEE MY LAWYER AND I WANT HIM HERE NOW!
I WAS TOLD HE'D GET ME ACQUITTED OF ALL CHARGES!
I WAS PROMISED THAT MATTHEW MURDOCK COULD CONVINCE ANY JURY THAT HYDE WAS INNOCENT OF MURDER!
CONTINUED!

Dear Daredevil,

I recently wrote in and expressed my displeasure with the way the book was going. Thanks for turning things around so quickly! The character of Matt Murdock is more alive after coming to grips with himself in DAREDEVIL #350, a terrific issue which actually had me smiling--something I can't remember doing while reading DAREDEVIL in several years.

It's also good to see the red costume back again. And if you're bringing classic things back to the fore again, why not bring back Murdock and Nelson, Attorneys at Law--which is how DAREDEVIL was meant to be--fighting for justice in the courtroom as Matt Murdock, and fighting as Daredevil against those who manage to cheat the justice system.

I hope Karl Kesel continues the trend in which this book seems to be traveling--the right way! I've read his work on FANTASTIC FOUR 2099 and now I'm excited to see what he does with DD. I only expect the best.

Matt has been enduring one long hardship after another for about 120 issues now--so I implore you, please let his life get back to normal (as normal as a super hero's can get, anyway) and keep it that way for a long, long time before you mess with him again.

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Thanks for sticking around with us, John. It seems that most readers (like yourself) agree with the direction that DAREDEVIL has been moving toward of late. The return of the red costume plus certain supporting cast members like Foggy and Karen seem to be the main source of readers' pleasure. That and the slight hint that Matt's life may just return to something resembling normalcy!

And believe us, with Karl Kesel, Cary Nord, and Matt Ryan at the helm, you haven't seen anything yet!

Dear DD and friends:

I just read DAREDEVIL #352 and I must say that I am in love with DD all over again! Not that I ever really fell out of love with this title, but hey--Matt Murdock, Daredevil, Karen Page, and Foggy Nelson are all back! What more could you want?! I even loved seeing Turk again in #351, but where was Grotto?

I recently collected all DD issues after getting hooked on the hero, art, and intelligence of #164--my favorite issue by far. Being laid up from surgery, I read the entire 32 years worth in the last two months. I've bought Marvel Comics for years, but now DAREDEVIL is my ultimate favorite. Not having to wait 1-2 months between issues gives one an entirely different view of changing storylines, readers' opinions, writing, artwork, even hairstyles and fashions. I was glad to see that your letters pages were never nasty and that you printed many letters from other women. The stories of 20-30 years ago are still pertinent and readable today, stories which birthed the villains that your readers still ask to see today.

Matt/DD always had his internal skirmishes with identity from issue #25 on (plus crises about being unmasked). DD has had dark and even metaphysical periods, but you always managed to leave some human element in the character. But over the last 30-40 issues we lost our Matt/DD and instead gained another Punisher-type, a guy who was always grimacing and angry. It's sad when Nick Fury gets the funniest lines in a comic. You lost touch for too long with DD's human elements; you seem to have realized that from readers' letters and even your own comments in the letters pages.

Issue #345 was another turning point, which I hope will last for some time. Issue #352 has Matt enjoying life and being DD again, smiling, joking--pages 2-4 were priceless--just like old times. New penciler Cary Nord's DD pin-up promises a brighter era of DAREDEVIL.

I look forward to more years of DD, even though I'll now have to wait a month between issues. Arrgghh!

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Thirty-two years worth of great stories in just two months?! WOW! We're sorry to hear that you were laid up, but hey--what a tradeoff! It's fans like you, Donna, that have helped to keep Daredevil as popular as he has been over the years that he's existed. Thanks for your support.

Dear James and Gang,

Hey there! I just wanted to drop you fellas a line to let you know how awesome a penciler I think Cary Nord is! This guy is fantastic! His innovative uses of blacks and whites puts him on a level with the likes of Mignola! No lie!

I'd also like to congratulate you guys on improving this book 100% over the last year or so. It's really taken a turn for the better. Thank you. The return of Karen and Foggy are enough to make this fan happy for a lifetime.

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Cary had been generating a lot of heat around the office for months, but it's nice to finally see that heat has expanded out to the reading audience! And if you like Cary's unique style of penciling, check out his work on Amalgam Comics BRUCE WAYNE: AGENT OF S.H.I.E.L.D. before it flies off the stands!

To the guys at DAREDEVIL

I have been a loyal reader of your mag for many years now. But unlike his fellow solo characters (Captain America, Cable, Iron Man, or Thor) Daredevil has no other book like AVENGERS, FORCE WORKS, or X-FORCE in which he can guest star. I love this guy so much I need him two times a month! Any chance of a second title?

Matt Marquis
(Address withheld by request)

We can't give you a second title, Matt--but what we can give you is frequent appearances in OVER THE EDGE, Marvel's 99 cent title that features a rotating cast of Marvel Edge characters like Dr. Strange, Hulk, Ghost Rider, and--you guessed it--Daredevil! Check it out!

And later this year, ELEKTRA, by Peter Milligan, and Mike Deodato, Jr. Watch for it!

NEXT ISSUE:

Will Matt Murdoch's next client be DAREDEVIL'S most demented foe? And what's Pyro doing on the scene? Do *not* miss this one!

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Reviving an old DD tradition, last issue's letters page was unreadable. Why? Would you believe Gremlins? Anyway, we apologize to all our eye-strained readers. This one's for you P.G.!